

Union Calendar No. 383

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4583

[Report No. 109-644]

To amend the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 to revise the requirements for labeling of certain wool and cashmere products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

Additional sponsors: Mr. SIMMONS and Mr. MARSHALL

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 16, 2005]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Wool Suit Fabric Label-*
 3 *ing Fairness and International Standards Conforming*
 4 *Act”.*

5 **SEC. 2. LABELING OF WOOL AND CASHMERE PRODUCTS TO**
 6 **FACILITATE COMPLIANCE AND PROTECT**
 7 **CONSUMERS.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(a) of the Wool Products*
 9 *Labeling Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. 68b(a)) is amended by*
 10 *adding at the end the following new paragraphs:*

11 *“(5) In the case of a wool product stamped, tagged,*
 12 *labeled, or otherwise identified as—*

13 *“(A) ‘Super 80’s’ or ‘80’s’, if the average diame-*
 14 *ter of wool fiber of such wool product does not average*
 15 *19.5 microns or finer;*

16 *“(B) ‘Super 90’s’ or ‘90’s’, if the average diame-*
 17 *ter of wool fiber of such wool product does not average*
 18 *19.0 microns or finer;*

19 *“(C) ‘Super 100’s’ or ‘100’s’, if the average di-*
 20 *ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-*
 21 *erage 18.5 microns or finer;*

22 *“(D) ‘Super 110’s’ or ‘110’s’, if the average di-*
 23 *ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-*
 24 *erage 18.0 microns or finer;*

1 “(E) ‘Super 120’s’ or ‘120’s’, if the average di-
2 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
3 erage 17.5 microns or finer;

4 “(F) ‘Super 130’s’ or ‘130’s’, if the average di-
5 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
6 erage 17.0 microns or finer;

7 “(G) ‘Super 140’s’ or ‘140’s’, if the average di-
8 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
9 erage 16.5 microns or finer;

10 “(H) ‘Super 150’s’ or ‘150’s’, if the average di-
11 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
12 erage 16.0 microns or finer;

13 “(I) ‘Super 160’s’ or ‘160’s’, if the average di-
14 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
15 erage 15.5 microns or finer;

16 “(J) ‘Super 170’s’ or ‘170’s’, if the average di-
17 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
18 erage 15.0 microns or finer;

19 “(K) ‘Super 180’s’ or ‘180’s’, if the average di-
20 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
21 erage 14.5 microns or finer;

22 “(L) ‘Super 190’s’ or ‘190’s’, if the average di-
23 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
24 erage 14.0 microns or finer;

1 “(M) ‘Super 200’s’ or ‘200’s’, if the average di-
2 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
3 erage 13.5 microns or finer;

4 “(N) ‘Super 210’s’ or ‘210’s’, if the average di-
5 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
6 erage 13.0 microns or finer;

7 “(O) ‘Super 220’s’ or ‘220’s’, if the average di-
8 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
9 erage 12.5 microns or finer;

10 “(P) ‘Super 230’s’ or ‘230’s’, if the average di-
11 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
12 erage 12.0 microns or finer;

13 “(Q) ‘Super 240’s’ or ‘240’s’, if the average di-
14 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
15 erage 11.5 microns or finer; and

16 “(R) ‘Super 250’s’ or ‘250’s’, if the average di-
17 ameter of wool fiber of such wool product does not av-
18 erage 11.0 microns or finer.

19 *In each such case, the average fiber diameter of such wool*
20 *product may be subject to such standards or deviations as*
21 *adopted by regulation by the Commission.*

22 “(6) *In the case of a wool product stamped, tagged,*
23 *labeled, or otherwise identified as cashmere, if—*

1 “(A) such wool product is not the fine (dehaired)
2 undercoat fibers produced by a cashmere goat (*capra*
3 *hircus laniger*);

4 “(B) the average diameter of the fiber of such
5 wool product exceeds 19 microns; or

6 “(C) such wool product contains more than 3
7 percent (by weight) of cashmere fibers with average
8 diameters that exceed 30 microns.

9 *The average fiber diameter may be subject to a coefficient*
10 *of variation around the mean that shall not exceed 24 per-*
11 *cent.”.*

12 (b) *APPLICABILITY DATE.*—*The amendments made by*
13 *this section shall apply to wool products manufactured on*
14 *or after January 1, 2007.*

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